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For: SEALANT-INCORPORATED TIRE MANUFACTURING METHOD AND SEALANT-INCORPORATED TIRE

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
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The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Form PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of that form is attached.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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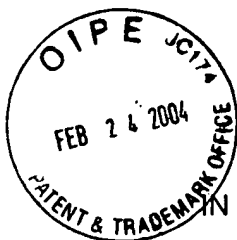
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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November 14, 2000

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the information item(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each item(s) is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the item(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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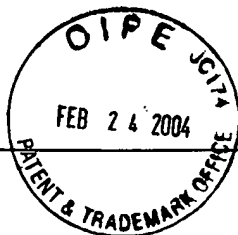
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